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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: CSCE, NATO
SUBJECT: PREPARATIONS FOR BELGRADE CSCE MEETINGS:
HUMAN CONTACTS: WARSAW PACT COUNTRY PAPERS

SUMMARY: NATO INTERNATIONAL STAFF (IS) HAS CIRCULATED DRAFT PAPERS ON COMPLIANCE BY WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES WITH HUMAN CONTACTS PROVISIONS OF BASKET III. IN IS VIEW, PAPERS COULD REPLACE REPLIES TO PREVIOUS CSCE IMPLEMENTATION QUESTIONNAIRE (REFTEL). ACTION REQUEST: THERE WILL BE PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS OF IS SUGGESTION AT FEBRUARY 15 POLADS AND WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY COMMENTS DEPARTMENT WOULD WISH US TO MAKE. END SUMMARY.

1. NATO INTERNATIONAL STAFF (IS) HAS CIRCULATED DRAFT COUNTRY PAPERS DESCRIBING THE DEGREE OF COMPLIANCE BY WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES WITH THE HUMAN CONTACTS PROVISIONS IN BASKET III OF THE FINAL ACT. (COUNTRY PAPERS WILL BE HAND CARRIED TO EUR/RPM BY EUR/RPE OFFICER DAVID SWARTZ ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14.) PAPERS HAVE BEEN DRAFTED IN THE LIGHT OF THE CONCLUSION IN THE DECEMBER 1976 REPORT TO MINISTERS THAT AT CONFIDENTIAL

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BELGRADE THE REVIEW OF IMPLEMENTATION SHOULD STUDY NOT MERELY THE LIST OF NEW IMPLEMENTATION MEASURES SINCE HELSINKI, BUT OVERALL COMPLIANCE WITH THE FINAL ACT IN EACH SECTOR. THE COUNTRY PAPERS ATTEMPT TO PUT THESE NEW MEASURES INTO AN OVERALL PICTURE OF CURRENT WP COMPLIANCE WITH THE FINAL ACT.

2. COUNTRY PAPERS ARE BASED ON ALLIED REPLIES TO IS QUESTIONNAIRE ON CSCE IMPLEMENTATION (REFTEL),

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TOGETHER WITH OTHER MATERIAL AVAILABLE TO THE IS. NEVERTHELESS, IS NOTES THAT THE INFORMATION IN ALLIED REPLIES TO QUESTIONNAIRE WAS INEVITABLY INCOMPLETE AND AT TIMES APPARENTLY CONTRADICTORY. COUNTRY PAPERS ARE THUS AN ATTEMPT TO PROVIDE ALLIES WITH AS CONSISTENT AND COMPLETE PICTURE OF EASTERN IMPLEMENTATION IN HUMAN CONTACTS AREA AND IS SUGGESTS PAPERS WILL NEED CAREFUL AND CRITICAL SCRUTINY BY ALLIED EMBASSIES IN WP CAPITALS. IN ADDITION, IS SUGGESTS THAT, INSTEAD OF PROVIDING SEPARATE REPLIES TO THE IMPLEMENTATION QUESTIONNAIRE (REFTEL), ALLIED EMBASSIES IN WP CAPITALS INSERT NEW INFORMATION INTO THE APPROPRIATE PART OF THE COUNTRY PAPERS SO THAT THEY ARE BROUGHT PROGRESSIVELY UP-TO-DATE. IN THIS CONNECTION, IS ALSO SUGGESTS THAT ALLIED EMBASSIES WHO SO WISH MIGHT CONTACT EACH OTHER IN ORDER TO COMPARE INFORMATION.

3. IS HOPES THAT UPDATED COUNTRY PAPERS COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO IS BY LATE MARCH SO THAT ADEQUOTE TIME IS AVAILABLE FOR PREPARATION OF CSCE IMPLEMENTATION REPORT TO MINISTERS.

4. ACTION REQUEST: WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY COMMENTS THAT DEPARTMENT WOULD WISH US TO MAKE RE COUNTRY PAPERS AS OUTLINED ABOVE, IF POSSIBLE IN CONFIDENTIAL

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